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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –  
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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Richard Allirot ) Examiner: Vu, Phuong T.  
Serial No.: 10/782,068 )  
Filed: February 19, 2004 )  
For: "AN I/O EXPANSION SYSTEM AND ) Our Ref: B-5383 621725-7  
A CONNECTOR THEREFOR" )  
 ) Date: December 19, 2005 )

Re: Amendment After Final  
Rejection Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §  
1.116

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2005, a response to which is due no later than January 19, 2006, the Applicant submits this amendment pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.114 and 1.116. Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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